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SUBJECT: ANTI-JAPANESE REACTIONS FOLLOWING

FUNERAL OF MADAME PARK

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1. WHILE MEDIA HAS GIVEN EXPECTED PROMINENT COVERAGE TO MADAME PARK CHUNG-HEE'S FUNERAL FEATURING HIGHLIGHTS REPORTED REFTEL (A), STORIES HAVE ALSO REFLECTED UNDERCURRENT OF SOME ANTIPATHY TOWARD JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS "RESPONSIBILITY" IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

2. MAJOR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO ATTENDANCE OF RANKING VIP, JAPAN'S PRIMIN TANAKA, WHO MADE BRIEF CONDOLENCE CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK AT BLUE HOUSE AT 5:00 P.M. FOLLOWING SERVICES. BLUE HOUSE SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WERE HELD.

3. PRESS REACTION TO TANAKA VISIT IN AND OF ITSELF APPEARS TO BE GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT JAPANESE GOVT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO TASK IN STORIES SUCH AS ONE REPORTED IN REFTEL (B) CONCERNING FLURRY OVER REPORTED JAPANESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. HANKUK ILBO ON PAGE ONE QUESTIONED, "HOW LONG CAN JAPAN CLAIM ITSELF TO BE OUR ALLY WHILE OFFERING BASE FOR ANTI-ROK ACTIVITIES?" TONGA ILBO'S TOKYO CORRESPONDENT ECHOED QUESTION, NOTING THAT CLIMATE IN JAPAN-- PARTICULARLY THE "PREJUDICED ATTITUDE" OF JAPANESE PRESS-- HAS MISLED PUBLIC OPINION THERE AGAINST ROK.
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